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(as amended)
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In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2000 in the above-referenced application, for which it is requested with the payment of a fee to extend the period for response by two months to March 18, 2001, applicant submits the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 6 and 18 as follows:

6. (Twice amended) A packaging machine comprising:
a cylindrical chute;

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Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- () A paper requesting correction/substitution of drawings is attached.
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